



# Town of Danville Police Department

**2013  
Annual Report**







### **DANVILLE POLICE OFFICERS HONORED FOR SAVING DANVILLE RESIDENT**

California Attorney General Kamala D. Harris recognized the efforts of Officers Kimberly Cogo and Jamie Williams during a medical emergency. Attorney General Harris presented both officers with the Peace Officer Certificate of Commendation for Superior Effort. In the incident Cogo and Williams were dispatched to a home and on arrival found a non-responsive resident. Cogo and Williams were able to successfully revive the resident, ultimately saving his life.





*"Small Town Atmosphere  
Outstanding Quality of Life"*



March 2014

Mayor and Town Council,

It is my privilege to present the Danville Police Department's 2013 Annual report. The year 2013 was very productive for the Police Department, with one of the high points being a 7% reduction in property crime.

This reduction could not have been achieved without the strong partnership that exists between the Danville Police Department and our community. Residents alerting us to suspicious activity are integral to keeping criminals out of Danville.

The past year was not without its challenges as well. The community mourned the loss of two of our residents as a result of traffic collisions. In times of grief, like these fatal accidents, the level of support shown by our community is nothing short of amazing. It is also accidents like these that keep our traffic enforcement officers committed to safeguarding our roadways. In 2013, the Traffic Safety Unit was able to produce a 5% reduction in traffic collisions.

The Danville Police Department continues to take a proactive stance towards the criminals who believe they can come here in search of easy targets. Several arrests were made during 2013 that not only solved a variety of regional property crimes, but also sent a strong message to criminals to steer clear of Danville.

As we move into 2014, our commitment is to maintain that proactive stance, continue to seek a high level of traffic safety and build on our partnership with our residents. With our community as an ally, we work tirelessly to provide the exemplary level of service that our residents have come to expect.

Thank you for all your support,

Steve P. Simpkins, Chief of Police

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# ADMINISTRATION



The Danville Police Department is led by Chief Steve Simpkins and Lieutenant Allan Shields. The Police Department's Administration is responsible for developing and communicating the vision of the department, and also working in concert with all Town departments to collaboratively provide quality service to Danville residents.

The Police Department has a staff of 30 Officers, 12 Civilian Support Personnel, 9 Police Reserves, and 21 Volunteers in Policing. These 72 people are a group of dedicated personnel who provide the residents of Danville with superior law enforcement services.



# SUPPORT STAFF

**Community Services  
Coordinator:**

**Claudia Ray**

**Police Assistants:**

**Katie Harper**

**Leslie Eddy**

**Mary Ashworth**



**Crime Prevention Specialist**

**Carol Burroughs**



**Emergency Services Manager**

**Jeff Hebel**



# SUPPORT STAFF



**Investigations Specialist**

**Jim McCauley**



**Fleet Assistant**

**Jim Nelson**



**Parking Enforcement Officers: Katrina O'Brien , Jordan Warren , Kevin White**

# PATROL TEAMS





# PATROL TEAMS



Patrol is the largest unit within the Police Department. During 2013, fifteen officers and five sergeants were assigned to patrol the Town's streets. The Town is divided into three beats, each patrolled by an officer. Each patrol team is supervised by a sergeant.

"Beats" represent the geographical area of responsibility for patrol officers. Beats are established primarily on statistical data reflecting workload combined with landmark and/or natural boundary characteristics, such as major roadways.

# PATROL TEAMS



Danville Police Officers work 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. The protection of the Danville residents and business property is their primary responsibility. Their standard of conduct is to be compassionate, unbiased, and consistent with the Law Enforcement Code of Ethics.

Danville Police Officers strive to maintain an excellent rapport with our residents and continue to do so by working in a collaborative effort with the community to combat crime and keep families, friends, and property safe.



# PATROL TEAMS



Patrol Officers and Investigators work closely together, responding to criminal activity and providing thorough investigations to bring cases to a successful conclusion. Through education and enforcement, their goal is to provide a safe and secure community, one in which the citizens can expect a quick response to all calls for service.

The men and women in Patrol carry out their duties by: responding to all emergency calls in a timely manner; conducting self-initiated patrol, especially in neighborhoods; utilizing various patrol techniques, including foot patrol and bicycles; focusing on critical areas, especially parks, trails and the downtown area.

# CALLS FOR SERVICE

## Top 10 Calls for Service

January 1, 2013 – December 31, 2013

False Alarms	1,599
911 Hang-ups	533
Suspicious Vehicles	376
Suspicious Subjects	349
Traffic Collisions	337
Suspicious Circumstances	310
Welfare Checks	290
Reckless Driving	271
Civil Complaints	240
Juvenile Disturbances	161





# RESPONSE TIMES

The Police Department handled 31,448 calls in 2013. A call for service does not necessarily mean the incident is a crime or criminal in nature. Calls for service can result in a report being taken, an area check being made, an arrest made of a criminal, or a simple discussion with a citizen. Calls for service are also not limited to requests from citizens. Calls for service include officer-initiated activities such as traffic stops and foot patrols.

A goal of the Department's overall strategy for service delivery is to maintain an acceptable response time to calls for service. The Police Department works hard to provide the lowest response times possible.

## **Calls are defined into three categories:**

**Priority 1** – Emergency calls such as an armed robbery or burglary in progress. Average response time in 2013 for Priority 1 calls was 5 minutes, 38 seconds

**Priority 2** – Urgent calls, such as a disturbance or a non-injury traffic collision. Average response time for priority 2 calls was 6 minutes, 17 seconds

**Priority 3** – Non-urgent calls involving incidents that have occurred with no suspects, and no urgent need for an officer. An example is a vandalism that occurred the day before (many Priority 3 calls are handled via telephone).

# TRAFFIC TEAM

The staffing level for the Traffic Safety Unit consists of one sergeant and three officers. The Traffic Safety Unit is responsible for collision investigation and review, and the enforcement of traffic laws. The ultimate mission of the Traffic Safety Unit is to reduce the number of traffic collisions that occur in the Town.



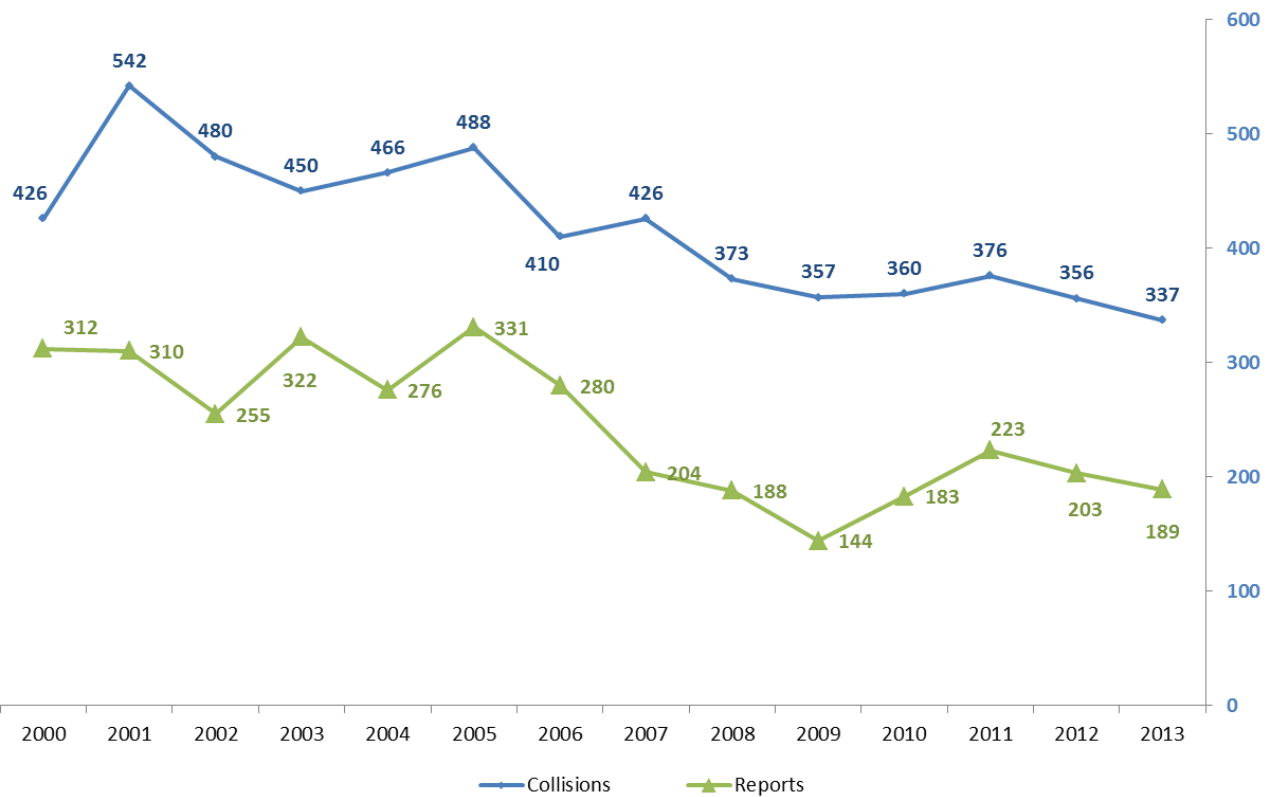
The chart to the right reflects the number of traffic collisions (in blue) and the number of traffic accident reports (in green) taken by officers. The number in blue represents the total number of traffic collisions, to include property damage and injury, reported to the police department. The number in green reflects the number of collisions where a report was taken. Many accidents do not require a report to be written; therefore, the number of accidents reported is the most accurate indicator of the total number of collisions occurring annually. The Police Department strives to lower the total number of accidents that occur by collaborating with the Transportation Department, using the three E's philosophy of Education, Engineering and Enforcement.



# TRAFFIC STATISTICS

Types of Collisions	2013	2012
Total Collision Reports	189	203
Fatal Collisions	2	0
Injury Collisions	50	54
Vehicle vs. Pedestrians	4	2
Vehicle vs. Bicycle	8	8
DUI Related	17	16

DUI Arrests	2013	2012
Adult	157	156
Juvenile	3	1



# INVESTIGATIONS

The Danville Police Department Investigations Unit is led by **Sgt. Nate McCormack**, who supervises **Detectives Tony Perry** and **Eric Nygard**. The Investigations Unit handled 494 cases during 2013. The Investigations Unit was able to close 230 of the 494 cases, producing a case closure rate of 46.5%.

Danville Police Investigators are responsible for investigating all felony cases that are reported in the Town of Danville. Some of these cases include, but are not limited to: burglary, robbery, assault, narcotics, sexual assault, fraud, identity theft, missing persons, and any other high profile cases. Investigators are tasked with successfully completing these cases and preparing them for filing with the Contra Costa County District Attorney's Office. We strive to be proactive in our approach to prevent and deter crime in our Town. Investigators identify crime trends and offer specialized training to patrol officers to proactively combat crime. It is the goal of the investigator to develop leads and information that will ultimately result in case closure and prosecution of the responsible parties.





# SIGNIFICANT CASES

- Several homes were burglarized while the occupants were home asleep. The brazen thief was nicknamed the piggy bank bandit by local media due to an affinity for stealing change jars and loose cash from homes. With the assistance of home surveillance video, store surveillance video, and a search warrant, a suspect was arrested and criminal charges were filed.
- Several local businesses were burglarized during the early morning hours. Safes, cash registers, and cash were taken. Due to proactive policing by our K-9 officer, two suspects were identified. A search warrant was written and a search of their residence revealed evidence of several commercial burglaries in Danville and the San Ramon Valley. Both suspects were arrested and multiple criminal charges were filed.
- As the result of several jewelry theft reports at an elderly care facility, a suspect was identified through a large amount of pawn activity. During the extensive investigation, additional stolen jewelry was recovered. The case will be presented to the Contra Costa District Attorney.



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# CRIME STATISTICS

The Danville Police Department reports crime statistics through the Contra Costa County Office of the Sheriff Records Unit. Those statistics are forwarded to the California Department of Justice and then to the FBI under the Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program. The nationwide data is available to the public for all jurisdictions and can be viewed at:

<http://www.ucrdatatool.gov/>

**Below are the 2013 statistics for the Town of Danville, along with the previous five years:**

	Homicide	Rape	Robbery	Aggravated Assault	Violent Crime Total	Burglary	Larceny (Theft)	Stolen Vehicles	Arson	Property Crime Total
2013	0	3	2	15	20	92	291	28	0	411
2012	0	0	2	18	20	94	332	17	0	443
2011	0	0	7	19	26	102	361	30	3	496
2010	0	2	10	20	32	91	406	34	3	534
2009	1	3	6	9	19	94	442	36	0	572
2008	0	1	5	20	26	115	426	21	5	567

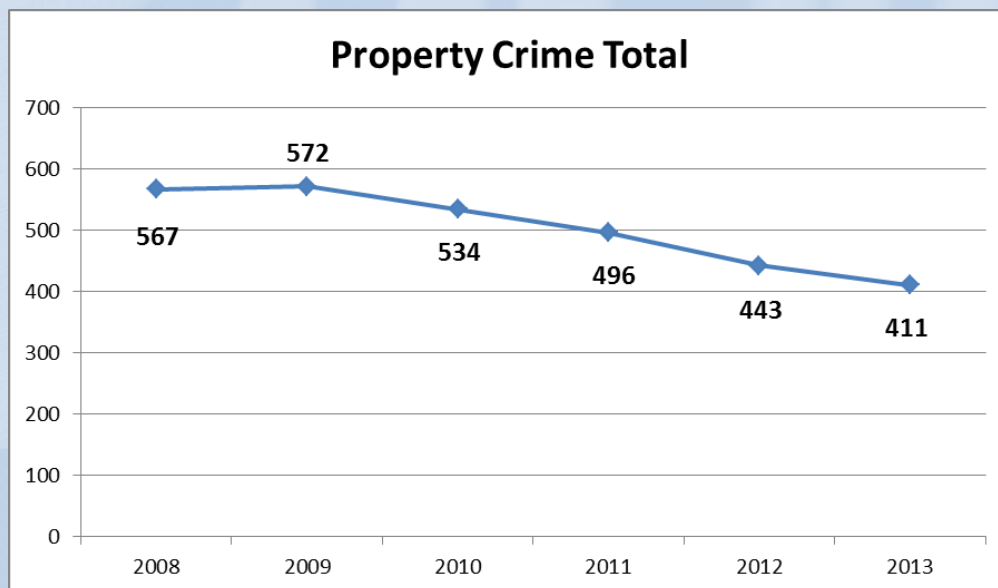
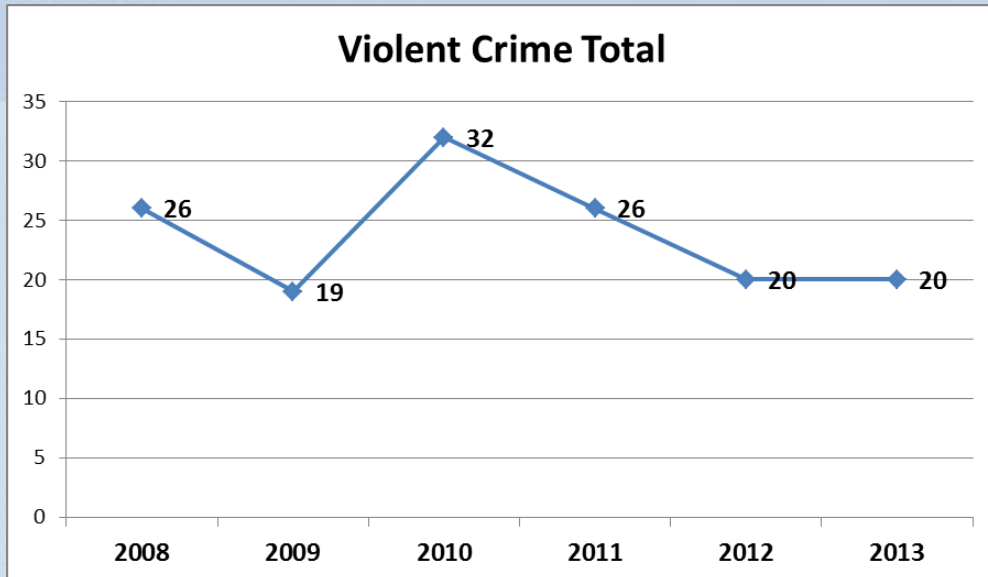
## UCR Definitions:

**“Violent Crime”** refers to the total number of Homicide & Non-Negligent Manslaughter, Rape, Robbery and Aggravated Assault.

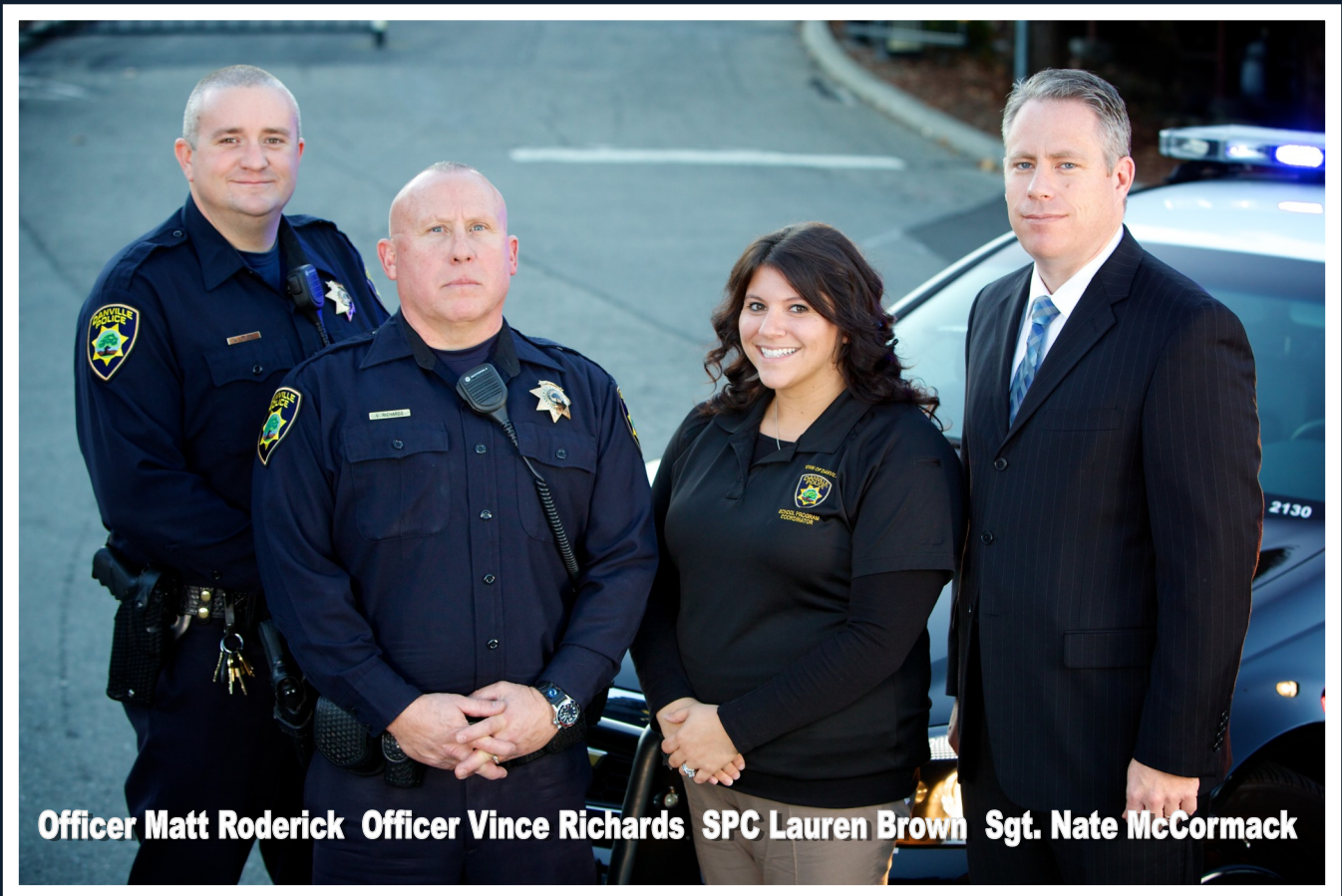
**“Property Crime”** refers to the total number of Burglary, Larceny, Stolen Vehicles and Arson.



# CRIME STATISTICS



# SCHOOL RESOURCE PROGRAM



The Town of Danville is committed to helping keep our schools safe. The Police Department is staffed with two School Resource Officers (SRO) for the high schools and a School Programs Coordinator for the middle and elementary schools.

**Officer Vince Richards** at San Ramon Valley High School and **Officer Matt Roderick** at Monte Vista High School are dedicated to the students and parents, working with the San Ramon Valley Unified School District to provide resources to educate students and staff. **School Programs Coordinator Lauren Brown** works with the elementary and middle schools, providing education on a variety of topics as well as connecting families to resources in the community.



# K-9 CHEF

In 2013 our K-9 Team was honored by a local Girl Scout Troop. Girl Scouts from Troop 30696 put their efforts towards making sure that Danville's K-9 Chef had a brand new bulletproof vest to wear in the field. Julia Leong, Alexandra Nave, and Katlyn Thomas, three Danville Girl Scouts, put in many hours of their time with various fundraising activities in order to raise the \$1,500 necessary to provide Chef with a state of the art vest.

Officer Tom Rossberg and K-9 Chef are Danville PD's current K-9 team and have been serving since 2012.



# DPD OPEN HOUSE

On Saturday, September 21, 2013, the Danville Police Department hosted an open house. The purpose of this event was to literally open every door of the police department for the public to get an inside look. This was a chance for the community and police to meet outside of an emergency call and to allow for a personal level of interaction.

During the open house, residents were able to tour the police department, sit inside police cars and watch demonstrations of the K-9 unit and SWAT Team. Hot dogs and soda were provided to participants, along with balloons and stickers for kids. Despite the heavy rain, this event attracted approximately 200 residents.

This event was also a way for people to learn more about the Citizen's Police Academy that was held in October. The Open House served to recruit several attendees for the upcoming Citizen's Police Academy.





# DPD OPEN HOUSE



# NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

## America's Night Out Against Crime

On Tuesday, August 6th 2013, the Danville Police Department's crime prevention unit, with the assistance of the Volunteers in Policing (VIPs), visited 13 Danville neighborhoods. This was a night for Danville neighborhoods to stand together and promote neighborhood unity. VIPs were also fingerprinting children and talking about the Stranger Danger Program.



This community event encouraged neighborhoods to hold block parties, cookouts, and flashlight walks, in an effort to have citizens get to know each other.

National Night Out has proven to be an effective, inexpensive and enjoyable program to promote neighborhood spirit and police–community partnerships in our fight for a safe nation.



# NATIONAL NIGHT OUT



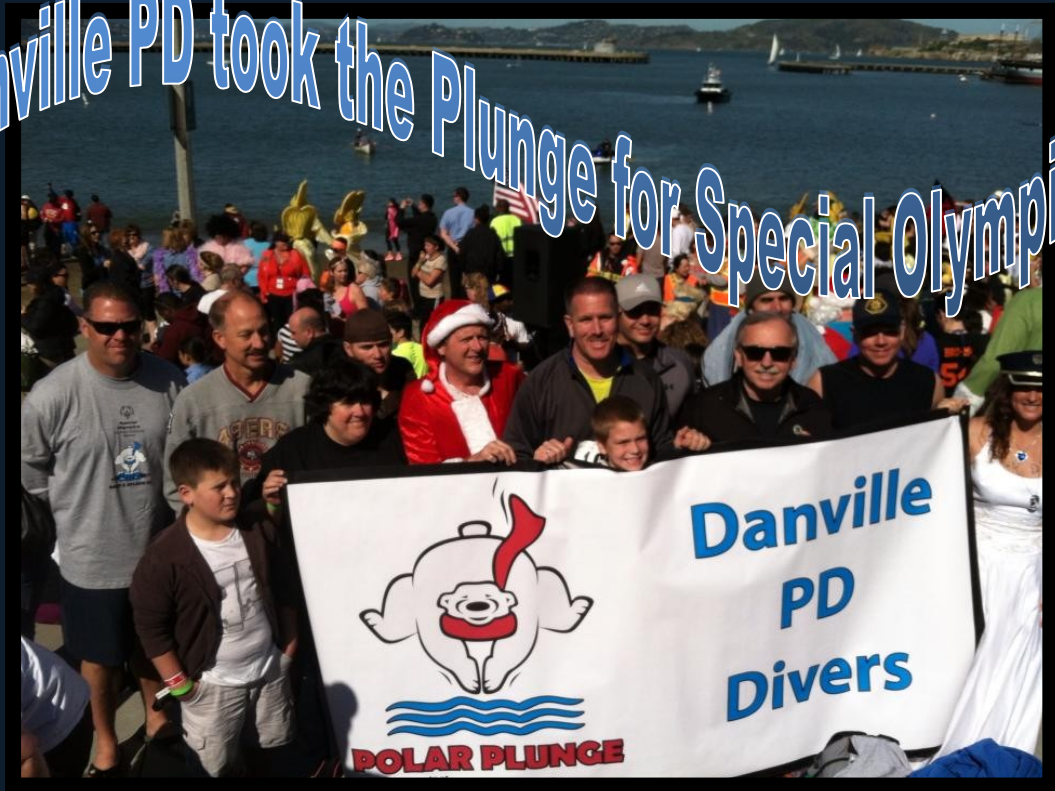
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# SPECIAL OLYMPICS

Danville PD took the Plunge for Special Olympics



And continued with the Torch Run tradition...



# COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT



"If I Were A Thief" program conducted by VIPs Harry and Barbara Hubinger.

The Town of Danville participates in the "Prescription Drug Take Back Day" twice a year. This year close to 300 pounds of prescription drugs were dropped off.



VIP Edie Farrell participating in "HeartSafe" showing individuals how to perform CPR.



# EVERY 15 MINUTES



San Ramon Valley High School got a first-hand look at potential teen tragedy through the Every 15 Minutes Program. The week-long event culminated with a DUI related crash scene staged on the school track. Danville Police and several other agencies participated in this simulated accident.



Events unfolded in real time, and the first responders took the scenario seriously, performing their duties as if the crash were real. A student was airlifted to John Muir Hospital and later “pronounced dead,” and another fatality at the crash scene was placed in a body bag. The event concluded as a student was arrested for Driving Under the Influence and slowly driven from the scene in the back of a police vehicle.



# EVERY 15 MINUTES





# RESERVE PROGRAM



The Danville Police Department Reserve Unit has 9 Reserve Police Officers. The Reserves are experienced professionals who choose to donate their time to the citizens of Danville. The reserve officers receive the same training and have all the same police powers as full time officers, but come to work for free.

Our Reserve Unit is comprised of 4 level one reserves (able to work patrol by themselves), 3 level two reserves (they must work patrol with a full time officer) and 2 level three reserves (work as transport units, traffic control, parking enforcement and special town events). The total hours donated by these dedicated officers was 3,023 for the 2013 calendar year. This averages to approximately 336 hours per reserve officer. The total hours volunteered by this team equates to about 1 ½ full time officers, which offers the Town a significant financial savings.

The Police Department recognized Reserve Officer Marc Silveira as the 2013 Danville Police Department Reserve Officer of the Year.

# RESERVES IN ACTION





# VOLUNTEERS IN POLICING



The Town of Danville is privileged to have a group of dedicated and active VIPs (Volunteers in Policing). The VIPs provide services that the Police Department would not be able to offer without their dedicated commitment. Some of the duties that the VIPs perform are:

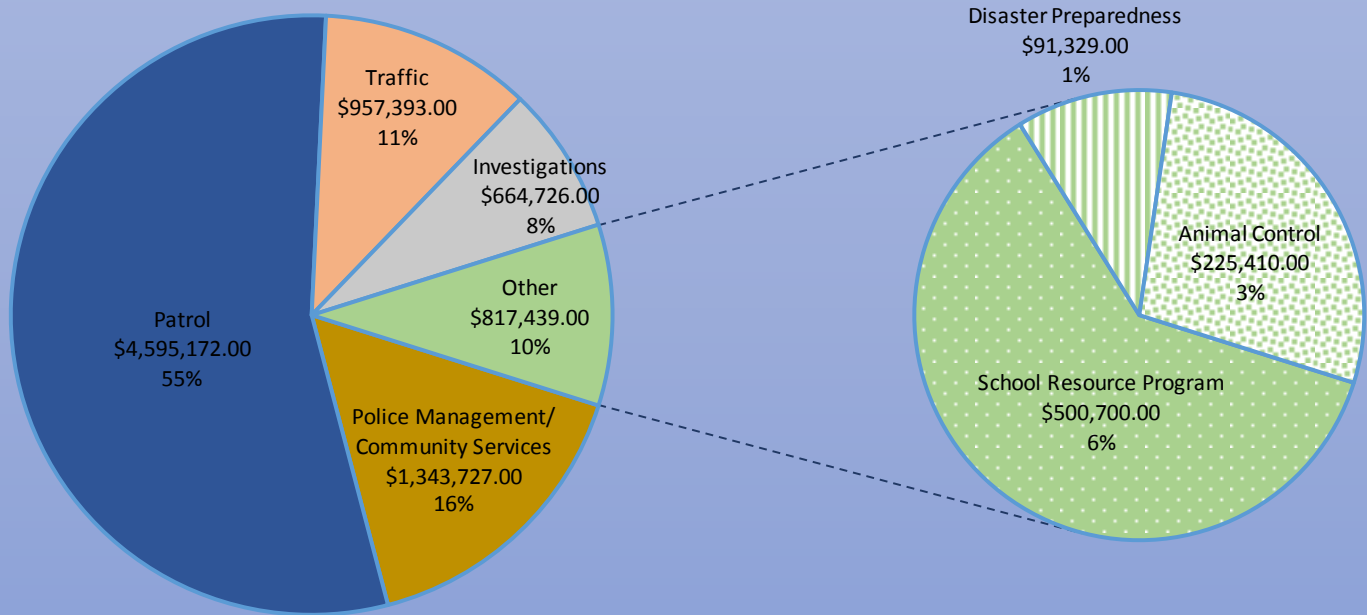
- ◆ Fourth of July Parade
- ◆ Tree Lighting
- ◆ Farmers Market
- ◆ Hot Summer Night Car Shows
- ◆ School Safety Events
- ◆ Silent Sentry Program
- ◆ If I Were A Thief Program
- ◆ National Night Out

The VIPs direct traffic, educate children at safety fairs, provide crime prevention patrols, and fingerprint applicants with the computerized Live Scan. In 2013, the VIPs donated 5,528 hours of service to the citizens of Danville. The Department has twenty-one dedicated volunteers who make up the group, an increase of three over 2012. The three new VIPs for 2013 are Don Thiele, Pete Kaldveer, and Cedric Macadaeg. The VIPs are residents of Danville who have the drive and desire to give back to the community.

# VIPS IN ACTION



# 2013 BUDGET



**TOTAL PD BUDGET: \$8,378,457**

Police Management/Community Services	\$1,343,727
Patrol	\$4,595,172
Traffic	\$ 957,393
Investigations	\$ 664,726
School Resource Program	\$ 500,700
Disaster Preparedness	\$ 91,329
Animal Control	\$ 225,410
Total	\$8,378,457



# DPD TEAM PHOTO

Also pictured: (L) Town Manager Joseph A. Calabrigo & Sheriff David O. Livingston



DANVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT  
2013



# TOWN OF DANVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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*In memory of K-9 Donna January 2003 - January 2014*